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FORMATION OF STANDARD RATES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Roads Organisation is yet to form a standard schedule of rates for different areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the basis on which BRO prepare estimates for construction of bridges in the absence of standard schedule of rates; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure time bound completion of construction of bridges undertaken by BRO?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Earlier the bridge estimates were being arrived at on per meter cost basis, taken over from the latest completed bridges in the similar situations. The standard schedule of rates has since been issued in April 2001. With the result, the preparation of cost estimates for bridges is now being done on item-rate basis.

(d) The following steps have been taken for time bound construction of bridges:-

(e) Deeper attention to site selection and sub-soil investigations.

(f) Fixing of realistic time period for completion of work by keeping in view the climatic/working conditions and remoteness of the site.

(g) Closer monitoring of works.

(h) On job training of Officers and subordinates.

(i) Gradually switching over from lumpsum to item-rate contracts.

(j) Introducing Computer Aided Design of bridges.